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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Fairly low humidity, moderate winds, considerable sunshine and moderate temperatures were the rule for the week ending October 23. Some widely scattered, very light showers were reported on the 18th and again on the evening of the 22nd. Freezing temperatures were reported in the west on the 19th and the east on the 20th. The lowest temperatures of the season occurred Friday morning at many southeastern communities. Fairbury had 29 degrees. The northeast corner of the State reported unusually high temperatures on the 17th. Sioux City, Iowa recorded 89 degrees for the highest ever reported so late in the season. Snow was reported as far south as Syracuse on Sunday night.

CROPS Harvest gained momentum last week although high moisture content of grain still delayed corn picking, especially in the southeast. About 10 percent of the corn crop was harvested by the end of the week. This is about 5 days later than usual and running behind progress of corn harvest a year ago. Moisture content of corn was reported at 24 percent which is above that for last year's crop at this time.

Milo harvest commanded most attention with about 35 percent of the crop combined. Progress was running somewhat ahead of usual. Moisture content had dropped around 2 points and is now under 16 percent. Much of the early harvested milo has been dried artificially.

About 70 percent of the soybean crop is harvested. Harvest has been slow in the southeast where wet fields caused delay. Some east-central and northeastern counties have about finished harvesting soybeans. Sugar beet harvest is close to the half-way mark.

Dry bean harvest is about complete. Some potato fields remained to be dug but harvest was mostly in the final stage. Safflower harvest is well advanced in the western counties.

Winter grains remain in good to excellent condition. Some local sections could use moisture to relieve dry surface soil conditions. Range and pasture feed is well above average, but local areas in the north, and especially the extreme northwest, have short feed supplies.

LIVESTOCK Marketing of feeder calves gained in volume. Demand for feeder cattle and calves was fairly brisk. Shipments of cattle and calves into Nebraska during September were 140,000 head, 31 percent above September 1960. For the 3-months, July-September, inshipments were 29 percent above a year earlier. Lamb arrivals totaled 103,000 head in September compared with 201,000 head a year ago. Since July inshipments are 47 percent under the same period last year.

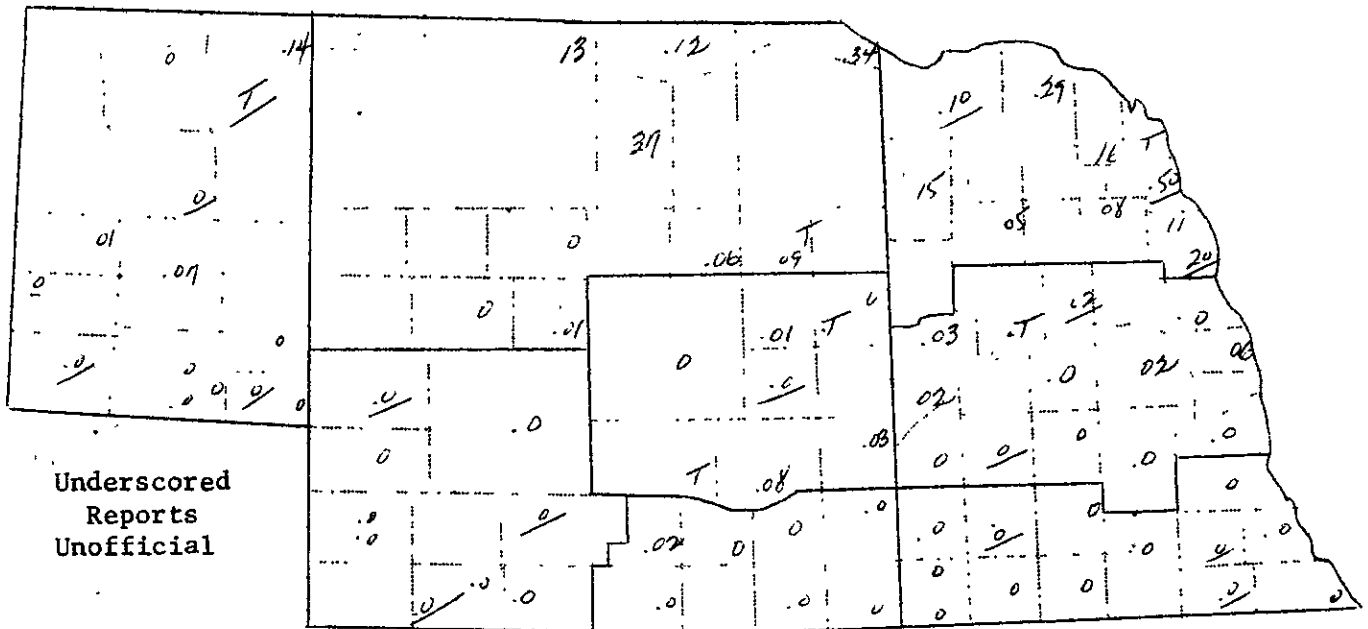
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.13	Burwell	.09	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.03	North Platte	0	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.05	Valentine	.14	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.10			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.20				

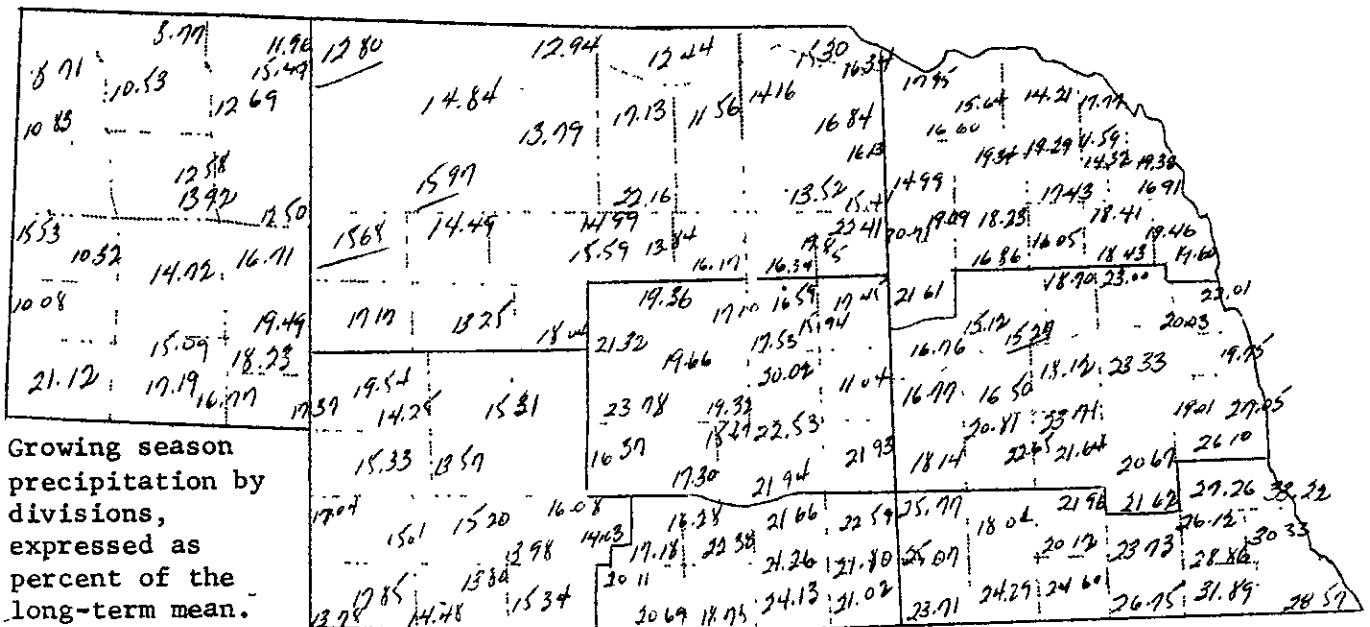
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# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1961



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR GROWING SEASON, APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1961



Dist. % Dist. % A portion of one month estimated for each of the underscored stations.

NW	111	EC	101
NC	101	SW	108
NE	96	SC	124
CEN	122	SE	121

April, June and August were drier than usual over most of the State. May was the wettest month in six of the climatic subdivisions; September was the wettest in the east-central and southeast.

## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron			83	46	67	38	55	21	73	40	87	36	79	53	61	26
	Scottsbluff			81	42	74	32	53	26	74	35	76	34	78	45	60	32
	Sidney			81	44	79	33	55	22	68	30	78	35	77	43	53	21
NC	Burwell			87	39	83	39	55	27	61	31	69	35	74	45	64	--
	Valentine			86	44	72	36	50	27	61	37	74	40	79	53	58	23
NE	Norfolk			88	48	89	43	51	32	56	31	65	37	71	50	68	27
	Sioux City			85	49	89	46	54	34	54	31	62	38	71	47	70	33
CEN	Grand Island			86	52	89	35	54	31	59	36	69	40	72	52	67	28
EC	Lincoln			82	56	84	42	54	37	56	32	63	42	71	51	73	40
	Omaha			80	53	83	42	45	35	53	32	60	40	67	49	72	36
SW	Imperial			84	--	83	36	56	25	67	30	68	33	76	43	60	27
	North Platte			85	36	83	41	56	24	61	32	68	32	75	49	60	--